

Northern Cricket Frog

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Identification: 5/8" - 1 1/2". This species is highly variable in body color and pattern (compare photos in Peterson and National Audubon field guides to see the range of differences). Key characteristics are a dark triangle-shaped blotch between the eyes and a dark ragged line running along the back of the thigh. In addition, the webbing on the hind foot extends to the tips of the toes (almost to the tip of the longest toe). The head is blunt. Also, note the warts on the skin.

Where to find them: Found near sunny, shallow, permanent pools or streams, with plenty of plants for shelter. This species also frequents impoundments on the edge of the Pinelands.

When to find them: Breeds April to June.

Voice: Cricket-like; rhythmic, repetitive clicking.

Range: Entire state, with the exception of the core Pinelands.

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Key Features

- Warty skin and highly webbed feet (as compared to chorus and treefrogs).
- Dark triangle-shaped blotch between eyes.
- Dark stripe on thighs.



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Excerpt from: "Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians of New Jersey"
Order the complete guide at - <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/products.htm>